MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He is said to be a person having considerable amount of experience in these things.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know the relationship of Professor Waren and the Government Astronomer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe they are brothers.

Statement, by caste, of volunteers in the Anchal Department.

104 MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the number of volunteers appointed by the present Anchal Superintendent?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The statement * required by the member is laid on the table.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pathanamtitta*): Do the Government follow any principle of communal representation in the matter of appointments as volunteers?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is not definitely stated anywhere, in regard to volunteers. Government have issued no instructions on that point.

Maniankulam bridge.

105. MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) of the damaged condition of the Maniankulam bridge at Paravur; and

(*b*) that there is heavy traffic on the bridge?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. An estimate for its thorough reconstruction is under preparation. Meanwhile, the bridge has been temporarily repaired and made safe for traffic.

(*b*) The traffic over the bridge cannot be said to be heavy, as the road stops half a mile beyond.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know what amount has been spent for the repair of the bridge at Maniyankulam?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Rs.170.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Government are aware of the condition of the roads leading to the bridge?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer has reported that the roads are kept in fair order.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government are aware that accidents occur on that road due to the bad condition of the road?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

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Appendix III

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 104**

Statement, by caste, of volunteers in the Anchal Department appointed by the Present Anchal Superintendent.

Hindus		
Brahmins (Malayala)	...	Nil
,, (Others)	...	2
Ezhavas	...	5
Kammalas	...	1
Kshatriyas (Malayala)	...	Nil
Nadars	...	Nil
Nayars	...	6
Pulayas	...	Nil
Vellalas	...	1
Other deperessed classes	...	2
Other Hindus	...	Nil
Mussalmans	...	1
Christians		
Protestants	...	3
Roman Catholics (Latin rite)	...	Nil
(Syriac rite)	...	3
Syrians" (Jacobite)	...	16
,, (Mar Thoma)	...	14
Others	...	Nil

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

PRESIDENT : The House will now pass on to the discussion of resolutions.

RESOLUTION RE SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER TO THE COASTAL PAKUTHIES OF ONATTUKARA.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Sir, I beg to move the following Resolution :—

"This Council recommends to the Government that steps be taken to supply drinking water to the inhabitants of the coastal pakuthies of Onattukara."

Sir, what I wish to impress upon Government and this Council, is the absolute necessity of supplying drinking water to the localities in which drinking water is now not available. The Pakuthies which I have mentioned in this resolution consist of the whole of the Arattupuzha Pakuthi, the southern half of the Thrikkunnapuzha Pakuthi and parts of Putupalli, Karunagapalli and Kulasekharapuram Pakuthies.

Sir, these tracts lie on the western side of the lake—salt water-lake—and on the eastern side of the Arabian sea. The people who inhabit these lands are not in very affluent circumstances and they live by the industry of fishing and coir manufacture. They have usually to get good water from the eastern side of the lake; and they have to go

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